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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

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RAD REFERRAL: 00NF-01 DATE ACTIVATED: 5/29/00

EXPIRATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS: 7/13/03 STAFF MEMBER: DAVID H.

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RESPONDENTS:

Arab American Leadership Political Action Committee

James Joseph Zogby, as treasurer

RELEVANT STATUTE(S): 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i)

11 C.F.R. § 104.5(c)(1)(i)(A)

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED:

Disclosure Reports

Referral Material

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED:

None

#### I. GENERATION OF MATTER

The Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") referred the Arab American Leadership Political Action Committee ("the Committee") and James Joseph Zogby, as treasurer, to the Office of General Counsel on January 19, 2000. The basis of the RAD referral is the failure of the Committee to timely file its 1998 July Quarterly and 1998 Year End Reports of Receipts and Disbursements covering the periods from April 1, 1998 to June 30, 1998 and November 24, 1998 to December 31, 1998, respectively.

### II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Based on the Factual and Legal Analysis, see Attachment 1, this Office recommends the Commission find reason to believe the Respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

#### III. DISCUSSION OF CONCILIATION AND CIVIL PENALTY

This Office also recommends that the Commission offer to enter into conciliation with the Respondents prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. Attached for the Commission's approval is a proposed conciliation agreement (Attachment 2).

#### IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Open a MUR.
- 2. Find reason to believe the Arab American Leadership Political Action Committee and James Joseph Zogby, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i), and enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- 3. Approve the attached Factual and Legal Analysis and conciliation agreement, and the appropriate letter.

Lawrence M. Noble General Counsel

Date 6/6/00

BY:

Lois G. µerner

Associate General Counsel

#### Attachments:

- 1. Factual and Legal Analysis
- 2. Proposed agreement



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